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2-300th Field Artillery soldiers receive awards

SHERIDAN – Members of the Wyoming Army National Guard's 2-300th Field Artillery will be awarded for their call to duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The unit's soldiers, their families and selected members of the community will be honored during the Defenders of Freedom ceremony at the following places, dates and times.

Cody - Cody Armory, Friday, August 19, 1 p.m.

Worland - Worland Community Center, 1200 Colbertson, Friday, August 19, 5:30 p.m.

Lander - Lander Armory, Sunday, August 21, 8 a.m.

Casper – Ramkota Hotel, 800 N. Poplar, Sunday, August 21, 1 p.m.

Lovell – Lovell Armory, Friday, August 26, 1 p.m.

Sheridan – Sheridan College, Whitney Building, room 136, 3059 Coffeen Ave, Friday, August 26, 5:30 p.m.

Gillette - Gillette Armory, Sunday, August 28, 8 a.m.

Douglas – Douglas Armory, Sunday, August 28, 2 p.m.

The soldiers, their families and selected members of the community, will be honored during the Defenders of Freedom ceremony. They each will receive the Freedom Salute Award, which is to honor not only citizen-soldiers returning from a long deployment, but also family members who supported them while their loved ones were away.

The soldiers were mobilized with the Wyoming Army National Guard's 2-300th Field Artillery from April 2004 - April 2005.

Each soldier will receive an encased American flag, a commemorative coin, a certificate of appreciation, and a lapel insignia. The soldier's spouse will receive a lapel insignia while the soldier's children will be recognized and presented with a Future Soldier Footlocker Kit. Select members of the community will also be awarded for their support.